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In re Patent Application of:

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FOR: ALGORITHMIC TESTING IN LABORATORY MEDICINE

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final action dated March 8, 2002, Applicant files this response and amendments within two months. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of these amendments. If for any reason however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 18 and amend Claims 1 and 21 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of pipelining a disease-specific diagnostic algorithm to achieve a cost-effective and accurate diagnosis, said method comprising the steps of: